

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A method for producing pulp flakes, comprising:
introducing dewatered pulp to a pulp flaker, wherein said flaker comprises a housing having rotating first and second rotors therein, wherein said rotors are rotating in opposite directions, each of said rotors comprising a plurality of fingers circumferentially and longitudinally arranged on said rotors, wherein as the rotors rotate, said fingers of one rotor pass interspaced between the fingers of the second rotor in the region between rotors, wherein the majority of the length of the fingers of the first rotor overlaps with the adjacent fingers of the second rotor.
2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the distance between the ends of said fingers to the housing, the distance from the ends of said fingers to the opposing rotor, and the distance between the fingers of one rotor as they pass between the fingers of the second rotor, said three distances being approximately the same.
3. (Original) The method of Claim 2, wherein said distances are each approximately one-eighth of an inch or less.
4. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein one rotor is configured to rotate at a speed of about 500 rpm to about 3600 rpm.
5. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the rotors are configured to operate at a speed differential.
6. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein one rotor is configured to rotate at about one-tenth to about nine-tenths the speed of the second rotor.
7. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein one rotor is configured to rotate at approximately one-third the speed of the second rotor.
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